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## STATE REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



### Local Elections Update

The pandemic provided the impetus to enact election reforms in time for the 2020 presidential election, including no-excuse mail-in voting and extending early voting for primary elections. These temporary reforms had a tremendous effect on turnout. Nearly half of all voters cast mail-in ballots for the primary, 42 percent voted by mail in the general election, and 23 percent cast early in-person votes.

This year, our elections will look more like elections in 2019. In Maynard, the Annual Town Election will take place on May 3, from 7 am – 8 pm at the Fowler School. The only way to vote by mail is by absentee ballot and the voter must meet one of the three requirements for an absentee ballot.

However, turning out to vote for a town election is just as important as voting in the presidential election, if not more so. Most decisions related to education, policing, public works, and other issues that directly affect residents' daily lives have always been made at the municipal level.

This year in Maynard voters have a choice of candidates running for school committee.

The Massachusetts Legislature continues to work to make the emergency voting accommodations that were enacted during the pandemic permanent for future elections. The VOTES Act, which includes critical voting reforms, is in conference committee at the time this was written.

Please...VOTE! And if you have questions or concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

### **Contact Rep. Hogan:**

State Representative Kate Hogan proudly represents the Third Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Bolton, Hudson, Maynard, and Stow. Rep. Hogan can be reached by phone at 617-722-2600 or by email at [Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@MAhouse.gov). You can also connect with Rep. Hogan on Facebook ([facebook.com/RepKateHogan](https://facebook.com/RepKateHogan)) or Twitter ([@repkatehogan](https://twitter.com/repkatehogan)).

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**Office hours for constituents** will be held in person at the Bolton Public Library on Thursday, May 12 at 6 pm. Rep. Hogan will also hold virtual office hours on Friday, May 13 at 1pm. To schedule an appointment with Rep. Hogan during virtual office hours, please call (617) 722-2600 (option #2) or send email to [Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov](mailto:Kate.Hogan@mahouse.gov). Please register for a virtual appointment by 5 pm on Wednesday, May 11.